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Subject: WI Statewide ACT Assessments Update - Oct. 18

Dear educators,

Welcome to the first 2018-19 biweekly email update for the ACT high school assessments. This email communication will go out to high school principals, test coordinators, and DACs every other week and will contain information about the statewide ACT with writing and ACT WorkKeys for grade 11 students and statewide summative ACT Aspire for grades 9 and 10 students. All biweekly ACT emails will be archived on the [Assessment Correspondence page](#).

2019 Test Date Information

- In 2019, the initial ACT state test date is a **Wednesday** and the initial test date for WorkKeys is a **Thursday**.
- Schools and districts may choose to administer WorkKeys school-wide on the initial test day (February 21) or the makeup day (March 13). Test coordinators will need to make a manual selection in PearsonAccessNext (PANext) in order to have materials shipped for the correct test date; materials for the Feb 21 test date cannot be used on March 13.
- Emergency test dates are available in April for schools who have a spring break conflict or weather emergency on a makeup date in March.
- School test coordinators must manage their school's test participation by selecting the correct test dates and ordering the correct materials in the PANext test administration portal. This is critical because ACT and WorkKeys test materials are specific to each test date and can only be used for that date (or window in the case of accommodations materials).
- Further instructions for selecting test dates and "managing participation" in PANext will be sent via the DAC Digest, biweekly ACT test coordinator emails, and emails from ACT.

2019 PearsonAccessNext and TAA System Will Open November 5

- The 2019 version of PearsonAccessNext will be available on November 5. Starting on this date, DACs can log into the system and update school test coordinator contact information. From November 5 through the end of the month, school test coordinators will be able to log into PANext and "manage participation" for their schools. "Managing participation" involves selecting testing dates and materials shipment dates for ACT and WorkKeys.
- On November 5, the Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) system will be open for state testing. Starting on this date, school staff can submit requests for students' accommodations and accessibility supports for the 2019 state testing window.

Save the Dates for 2018-19 Training Webinars

An invitation to register for each 2018-19 test administration training webinar will be sent in advance of each training. Registration links will be sent via email from ACT, posted in the Schedule of Events and DAC Digest, and included in the biweekly ACT email sent from DPI to school test coordinators. All webinars will be recorded and the links will be posted to the DPI ACT Trainings webpage.

- Thursday, November 8th, 10am, ACT/WorkKeys Accommodations (1 hour)
- Thursday, November 29th, 10am, ACT/WorkKeys Test Administration Part 1 (1 hour)
- Thursday, January 17th, 2pm, ACT/WorkKeys Test Administration Part 2 (1 hour)

- Tuesday, February 5th, 10am, ACT Aspire Technology Readiness (90 minutes)
- Thursday, February 7th, 10am, ACT Aspire Test Administration (1 hour)

Free ACT Test Preparation Resources

- As a reminder, links to practice tests and exemplar items for ACT, WorkKeys, and ACT Aspire can be found at the [DPI ACT Practice Tests/Sample Items website](#).
- Alternate format practice tests may be ordered using the [Order Form for Alternate Format Practice Tests](#).
- ACT has also launched free, personalized test preparation through the [ACT Academy](#). ACT Academy is free to all students. Students, teachers, and parents can create an account. Having an account allows students to track their progress and keep moving forward in their test preparation. Short quizzes are designed to help students identify the content they have mastered and to clarify areas where more focus is needed. If students have already taken the ACT or PreACT they can simply enter their scores and custom playlists will be automatically created. ACT Academy creates automated daily playlists to hit on the basic lessons each student needs to master the ACT. After each lesson, a short quiz will determine if the resources given helped the student learn the material. [Here is a video to share with students](#) about the ACT Academy.

Thank you for your contributions to a successful testing experience for all students. For assistance, please contact:

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Wisconsin high school principals, district assessment coordinators, and ACT test coordinators received this email.